

Weekly Status & Information Report October 1 - 5, 2012

Official City Meetings Scheduled the Week of October 8, 2012:

- The City Council will not meet the week of October 8
- Tree Commission meeting, Tuesday, October 9, 6:30 p.m. in the Hydrangea Room
- Arts and Humanities Commission meeting, Tuesday, October 9, 7:30 p.m. in the Auditorium
- Commission on Landlord-Tenant Affairs hearing, Tuesday, October 9, 7 p.m. in the Council Conference Room
- Board of Elections meeting, Wednesday, October 10, 7:30 p.m. in the Council Conference Room
- Emergency Preparedness Committee meeting, Thursday, October 11, 8:30 a.m. in the Hydrangea Room
- Recreation Committee meeting, Thursday, October 8, 7 p.m. (Community Center Room TBA)

All meetings are held in the Community Center, 7500 Maple Avenue, and are open to the public unless noted otherwise. (*City Clerk*)

Sidewalk Repairs: The repairs to sidewalks on Sycamore Avenue will continue next week. Following completion the contractor will be working on sections of Carroll Avenue, then proceed to Hickory Avenue, Pine Avenue and Montgomery Avenue over the following weeks. (*Public Works*)

Street Resurfacing in Old Town: Eastern Paving will be resurfacing streets including Tulip Avenue, Willow Avenue, Valley View Avenue, Spruce Avenue and Maple Avenue. The schedule provided to the City is as follows:

- Monday, October 8: paving Tulip Avenue between Carroll and Maple
- Tuesday, October 9: paving Willow Avenue between Tulip and Carroll; paving Spruce Avenue between Tulip and Park
- Wednesday, October 10: paving Willow Avenue between Tulip and Valley View; paving Valley View between Spruce and Maple
- Thursday, October 11: paving Maple Avenue between Eastern and Philadelphia
- Friday, October 12: completion of any remaining paving

Access to these streets during the work will be difficult and drivers are asked to find alternate routes when possible. The contractor will post no parking signs on each street for the days when milling and paving is planned. Weather or equipment difficulties can alter the schedule. The paving contractor is required to provide traffic control and flagmen to facilitate vehicle access or restriction during the work. It is advisable to avoid driving on these street if possible during the work. (*Public Works*)

National Visit a Park Day: Stop by the Takoma-Piney Branch Local Park today from 5 p.m. to dusk for "National Visit a Park Day." We will have a 3 on 3 basketball tournament, skateboard demos, games, face painting and refreshments. Spend an evening in the park with the family and have some fun. Meet us by the shelter at the park - don't miss out! (*Recreation*)

Planning Smarter: Creating a Great Montgomery County Open House, Saturday, October 6. Drop in to see any of 11 displays on topics such as master plans and interactive online mapping tools and to learn about the latest projects and initiatives. Residents will get a chance to talk one on one with planners and express what they would like to see in their communities. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Park and Planning Headquarters, 8787 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring.

<http://montgomeryplanningboard.org/blog-news/2012/09/28/get-a-crash-course-in-planning-and-how-it-leads-to-great-communities-at-october-6-open-house/> (*Housing and Community Development*)

New Ave Social on Wednesday, October 10: The New Ave's popular socials are back! Learn about projects and programs impacting New Hampshire Avenue, network, discuss ideas, and identify opportunities for redevelopment and revitalization. Light and tasty snacks will be provided, conversation is on you! Wednesday, October 10, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Mid-Atlantic Seafood, 6500 New Hampshire Avenue. See: www.theNewAve.com/do/new-ave-social6 (<http://www.thenewave.com/do/new-ave-social6>). (*Housing and Community Development*)

Small Business Symposium on Social Media, Wednesday, October 10: A free symposium on how small businesses can leverage social media to engage their clients and customers will be offered by Christopher King of King Connections, and Kim Pichot of Washington Adventist University, in partnership with the City of Takoma Park. Wednesday, October 10, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., in the Azalea Room of the Takoma Park Community Center, 7500 Maple Avenue. RSVP to wau.sife@gmail.com or call 301-960-5057. For more information, see: www.theNewAve.com/do/social-media-symposium (<http://www.thenewave.com/do/social-media-symposium>). *(Housing and Community Development)*

Works-in-Progress Screening of Stage Four - Thursday, October 11: We are Takoma Film and Docs in Progress will present a work-in-progress screening of Stage Four with filmmaker Benjamin Steger on Thursday, October 11 at 7:30 p.m. in the Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium. In Stage Four, we meet Mary and George who have been married for over 50 years. With George on the verge of retirement, Mary is diagnosed with breast cancer. An intimate personal documentary, Stage Four takes us on a family's journey through illness, treatment, remission, relapse and beyond. Free admission. *(Housing and Community Development)*

Tenant Rights Class - October 11: Are you having trouble getting repairs done in your apartment? Do you know how to protect your security deposit? Is the rent you are paying correct under the Takoma Park code? These are just some of the topics that will be discussed at this free class that will be held on Thursday, October 11 from 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. at the Takoma Park Community Center, 7500 Maple Avenue. Pre-registration is required by calling 301-891-7215. *(Housing and Community Development)*

Annual Walk-in Registration Event – Winter Basketball League: The Recreation Committee will be hosting the annual walk-in registration event for the 2013 Winter Basketball League on Saturday, October 13, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. This event will be held at the Takoma Park Community Center, 7500 Maple Avenue. Sign up on the spot! \$60 TP Residents \$70 Non-residents. **Ask about scholarships for TP Residents. *(Recreation)*

Buying a House or Condo? -First Time Home Buyer Class - October 20: Where do you start? Right here in this free class (non-residents of Takoma Park-\$25), where you will learn how to select a real estate agent, how to access low interest loan programs sponsored by the county and state, how to read a HUD1 form, what to look for at your closing and much, much more. All attendees receive a certificate of completion for a First Time Home Buyer Class which is required when you use county or state loan programs. The class will be held on Saturday, October 20 from 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at the Takoma Park Community Center, 7500 Maple Avenue. Class size is limited to 30 persons and pre-registration is required by calling 301-891-7222 or LindaW@takomagov.org. *(Housing and Community Development)*

Annual Holiday Art Sale - Call for Artists: The Takoma Park Arts and Humanities Commission is soliciting artists and crafters for the seventh annual Holiday Arts Sale, to be held on Saturday, December 8. A juried sale, only original, hand-made work may be sold. Selections will be based on the quality and uniqueness of the work. Past sales have featured a variety of media including, but not limited to painting, photography, pottery, jewelry, textiles, and glass. The number of participants for each media will be limited to maintain a diversity of offerings. There is no application or commission fee. Deadline for applying for a table is Friday, November 9. For more information and an application form, please email SaraD@takomagov.org *(Housing and Community Development)*

Homeowners/Renters Tax Credit Deadline Extended-10/31/12: The homeowners' and renters' tax credit programs are designed to help low-income homeowners and renters by limiting the amount that they must pay in property taxes. To receive the tax credit, an application and all supporting documents must be sent to the State of Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation normally no later than September 1 of each year. The filing deadline has been extended to October 31, 2012. To obtain an application, <http://www.dat.state.md.us/sdatweb/taxcredits.html#htcrctc> or call Linda Walker at 301-891-7222. *(Housing and Community Development)*

Reading Group: The Friends Reading Group will begin a four part discussion of Thomas Mann's "The Magic Mountain" on Wednesday, October 10, at 7:30 p.m. in the Azalea Room. Petra Volkhausen will be our introductory speaker. All are welcome. No pre-registration is necessary. *(Library)*

Graphic Novel Primer: Grown-ups may come learn about the history and value of graphic novels on Wednesday, October 10 at 7 p.m. Join Dave Burbank, our graphic novel guru, and children's/teen librarian Karen MacPherson at this interactive program. Bring your questions; kids also welcome. Registration encouraged; to register, go to www.takomapark.info/library/registration.html or call us at 301-891-7259.

Petites Chanson: Come sing French songs and rhymes with Madame Marie on Saturday, October 13 at 10:30 a.m. This monthly program is great for babies, toddlers, preschoolers and their grown-ups. Registration encouraged so we can keep you up to date with the schedule. To register, go to www.takomapark.info/library/registration.html or call us at 301-891-7259.

Girls on the Rise: This self-esteem program encourages girls who are ages 10-14 to develop self-respect and healthy lifestyles. Girls on the Rise address aspects of girls' development through their physical, emotional, mental, and social well-being. This program is led by Patty Chappell and meets on Thursdays at the Takoma Park Recreation Center from 7-8 p.m. For more information contact John Webster at 301-891-7289 or johnw@takomagov.org. *(Recreation)*

JUMP TO IT!! Join The Double Dutch excitement and learn the art of Double Dutch. Enjoy this fun and aerobic endurance workout that has grown into a full-fledged sport. Double Dutch includes compulsory, speed, fusion, criss-cross, single rope jumping, rope turning, stretching and jogging. For ages 6-14, this program is held at the Takoma Park Recreation Center on Tuesdays from 7-8 p.m. Come on out and enjoy the fun. For more information contact John Webster at 301-891-7289 or johnw@takomagov.org. *(Recreation)*

Seniors Advisory Meeting: Six members of the Silver Foxes Seniors Advisory Group met in the Takoma Park Community Center Senior Room on Friday, October 5. Seniors discussed plans for a holiday celebration, and suggestions for new trips, classes, and other activities. *(Recreation)*

International Walk to School Day: On Wednesday, October, 3, approximately 1,500 students from five area schools walked and biked to school along with parents, teachers and national, state and local guests. They joined schools across the United States in this international effort to encourage more families to get out of their cars and on to their feet to enjoy the many benefits of safely walking and bicycling to school. US Deputy Secretary of Transportation John Porcari walked with students at Piney Branch ES and presented a special recognition award to Takoma Park's Safe Routes to School program. The event attracted significant media coverage including the official blog of the US Secretary of Transportation, Connected Communities newswire, First Lady, Michelle Obama's website, LetsMove.gov, WAMU 88.5, and the Gazette. *(Housing and Community Development)*

Police News: On October 1, Chief Alan M. Goldberg was sworn in as City of Takoma Park Chief of Police by Mayor Bruce Williams. To view the swearing in, you can go to http://takomapark.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?publish_id=116. *(Police)*

Community Outreach Officer (PFC. Carla Magnaye)

On September 30, Officer Magnaye attended Police Awareness Day hosted by the Park Police at the County Fairgrounds.

On October 1, Officer Magnaye held her Basic Self-Defense Course on the Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) System.

On October 2, Officer Magnaye conducted a vulnerability assessment on New Hampshire Avenue.

On October 3, Officer Magnaye participated in the Walk to School Day event. She conducted a seatbelt enforcement detail at Takoma Park Elementary School. She also held her Basic Self-Defense Course on the Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) System.

On October 5, Officer Magnaye will attend National Visit a Park Day hosted by the Takoma Park Recreation Department. *(Police)*

Crime Report: The most recent Takoma Park Police Weekly Crime Report (September 28-October 4, 2012) may be viewed online at <http://cathylevy.blogspot.com/2012/10/takoma-park-police-department-weekly.html>. *(Police)*

Traffic Enforcement: Officers conducted at least 39 traffic stops, which resulted in citations, one vehicle impound and one Driving Under the Influence (DUI) arrest from traffic. *(Police)*